

MAIL SERVICE.

LETTER

FROM

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,

TRANSMITTING

Estimates for the mail service.

DECEMBER 21, 1854.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
December 21, 1854.

SIR: In compliance with the provisions of the second section of the "Act to change the organization of the Post Office Department," approved July 2, 1836, I have the honor to submit estimates of the sums of money expected to be required for the service of the year commencing July 1, 1855:

For transportation of the mails	\$5,921,938
For compensation to postmasters	2,150,000
For ship, steamboat, and way letters	20,000
For wrapping-paper	48,000
For office furniture in the post offices	6,500
For advertising	100,000
For mail-bags	54,000
For blanks	80,000
For mail locks, keys, and stamps	15,000
For mail depredations and special agents	58,000
For clerks in the offices of postmasters	675,000
For postage-stamps and stamped envelopes	70,000
For miscellaneous	160,000
	<u>9,358,438</u>

The foreign mail service and the transportation of the mails across the isthmus of Panama, for which appropriations have heretofore been made out of the revenue of the Post Office Department, are not embraced in the foregoing estimates; a separate estimate being herewith submitted for that branch of the service.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
JAMES CAMPBELL, *Postmaster General.*

Hon. LINN BOYD, *Speaker of House of Representatives.*

